



Tennessee Crop Weather

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END OF CROP SEASON DRAWS NEAR

The 2012 crop season in Tennessee is almost complete. Given just a few more sunny days, farmers will wrap-up row crop harvest and fall seeding. Ninety-eight percent of the cotton acreage has been harvested and only three percent of the soybean acreage still remains. Farmers also made notable progress seeding winter wheat last week. More than two-thirds of the winter wheat has emerged with over 80 percent rated in good-to-excellent condition. Pastures remained in mostly fair-to-good condition. Tobacco growers continued to prepare their crop for market.

Five and a half days were suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 12 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 5 percent very short, 18 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Overall, temperatures and rainfall averaged below normal across the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	98	92	98	93	Winter Wheat	0	1	16	66	17
Soybeans – Harvested	97	90	94	93						
Burley Tobacco – Stripped	43	33	48	53						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	96	86	91	87						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	68	56	72	61						

County Agent Comments

“Soybean and Cotton harvest should be completed this week. Cattle are in good shape with very few producers feeding hay at this time.”

J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“The farmers in Fayette County have been busy trying to finish bean harvest and wheat planting. Cotton harvest has been completed and in a few weeks farmers will be attending production meetings with another year's harvest complete.”

Jeffery Via, Fayette County

“We are almost ready to wrap up the 2012 season. We have finished seeding wheat and lack harvesting a few fields of cotton and soybeans. Many producers are already booking corn and soybeans for next year.”

Jake Mallard, Madison County

“Soybean harvest and wheat seeding was completed in the county last weekend. Rainfall of 1.5 inches on average fell early week across the county. Producers are still spreading lime and applying herbicides and insecticides to winter wheat as field conditions allow.”

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Bean and cotton harvest about done. Wheat looking good right now.”

Kevin Rose, Giles County

“Soybean harvest winding down. Livestock producers beginning to feed hay.”

Steve Harris, Coffee County

“The week started with an inch plus rain on Monday, which continues to slow harvest and planting efforts. Most producers reporting finished with soybean harvest and wheat seeding. A few beef producers beginning to feed hay.”

Ed Burns, Franklin County

“A few more killing frosts experienced this week after rain on Monday. Wheat planting is nearing completion. The soybean crop yields have been better than expected with several fields in the 50-60 bushel range.”

John Wilson, Blount County

“One inch of rain has stopped soybean harvest. Combines are sitting at the edge of the fields waiting for the ground to dry. Pastures are nearly gone and hay feeding is going strong. Due to sporadic temperatures, we are seeing lots of runny noses among kids as well as livestock.”

John Goddard, Loudon County

“Moderate temperatures and rainfall have continued to delay hay feeding.”

Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

SEASON FINALE

This is the final issue of 2012 Tennessee Crop Weather. The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Tennessee Field Office extends thanks to the UT/TSU Extension and the numerous county agents responsible for the continued success of this report. The report will resume the first week of April 2013.

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

For week ending: November 18, 2012 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 18, 2012				Current Week 11/18/12	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	75	25	44	-8	1.35	1	38.18	-7.16	27.68	-3.71
Brownsville_TN	74	28	44	-7	1.59	1	31.20	-13.74	20.96	-10.02
Covington	73	28	44	-7	1.85	1	31.59	-12.77	19.45	-11.05
Dyersburg	73	28	45	-7	0.90	1	25.65	-17.53	16.51	-13.69
Huntingdon_Wate	72	26	43	-6	0.17	1	30.62	-15.62	21.93	-10.39
Jackson_Exp_Stn	73	26	44	-6	1.30	2	39.28	-5.84	28.34	-3.35
Lexington_TN	72	25	44	-7	0.98	1	35.60	-8.41	24.45	-6.21
Martin	72	25	43	-6	1.67	1	31.82	-14.04	21.06	-11.39
Memphis_AG	77	29	45	-7	1.60	1	40.72	-3.53	29.67	-0.91
Milan	73	25	42	-8	1.18	3	36.82	-9.98	26.31	-6.70
Paris	72	25	42	-7	1.16	1	31.39	-13.98	21.69	-10.00
Savannah_6SW	75	24	46	-7	1.47	2	40.81	-8.03	27.85	-5.35
Selmer	73	26	44	-6	1.66	2	41.93	-6.19	29.14	-3.56
Union_City	71	26	42	-7	1.64	1	32.98	-12.08	23.38	-8.33
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	67	26	44	-4	0.86	1	28.15	-15.52	18.77	-11.08
Cookeville	70	26	43	-6	1.25	2	48.78	-0.50	33.65	-0.43
Crossville_AP	65	27	45	-3	0.63	1	39.39	-8.89	24.88	-8.20
Dickson_AG	65	25	44	-6	0.87	1	36.96	-9.62	25.16	-7.24
Dover_1W	71	25	43	-6	1.48	2	33.45	-12.27	22.76	-8.89
Fayetteville_TN	65	27	45	-5	1.26	2	49.00	2.31	34.01	2.77
Jamestown	66	24	42	-5	0.67	1	45.27	-2.49	29.55	-4.22
Kingston_Spring	73	24	44	-5	0.59	2	38.20	-6.73	27.25	-3.55
Lewisburg	70	23	43	-6	0.28	1	34.61	-13.16	23.92	-9.11
Livingston_WLIV	69	26	44	-5	1.01	2	43.06	-2.75	26.81	-5.33
Lobelville	71	24	44	-5	1.05	1	33.74	-13.93	23.11	-9.40
Murfreesboro_5N	71	23	44	-6	1.20	2	41.59	-4.80	29.48	-2.97
Nashville_Metro	72	27	46	-4	0.73	2	40.80	-0.21	29.75	1.13
Oneida	70	26	43	-3	0.61	2	44.56	-3.65	27.66	-6.53
Portland_TN	71	26	43	-5	0.78	2	37.37	-7.29	25.69	-5.51
Pulaski_Water_P	69	26	43	-9	0.56	2	44.08	-3.61	32.85	0.73
Shelbyville	65	27	44	-8	1.02	2	41.42	-6.60	27.50	-5.47
Sparta_TN	69	26	43	-6	0.97	2	43.97	-4.02	30.99	-2.28
Springfield	71	25	43	-5	0.62	1	43.57	0.67	31.88	2.01
Springhill	72	20	43	-5	0.97	2	41.15	-6.24	30.06	-2.54
Tullahoma	65	28	45	-6	1.13	1	42.75	-6.43	29.38	-3.66
Waynesboro_TN	65	23	44	-5	1.09	2	43.80	-6.15	31.96	-2.03
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	71	32	50	-1	0.54	1	44.77	-1.67	30.44	-0.10
Cleveland_6NNE	65	30	45	-4	1.21	2	40.40	-7.15	28.83	-2.99
Dayton	70	30	46	-4	0.76	1	47.49	-1.09	33.16	0.78
Erwin_1W	73	25	44	-3	0.48	1	49.22	5.99	38.52	6.94
Gatlinburg_2SW	70	26	43	-4	0.56	2	50.72	0.90	34.15	-1.58
Greeneville	71	23	45	-3	0.42	2	40.64	2.68	29.52	2.37
Kingston_AG	71	29	47	1	0.61	1	50.58	-0.07	35.60	1.20
Knoxville_AP	73	30	48	-2	0.42	1	47.02	5.92	31.23	3.59
Newcomb	70	22	42	-4	0.37	1	44.38	-3.83	27.92	-6.27
Norris_4NE	71	26	44	-4	0.50	1	46.19	0.13	29.68	-2.33
Tri-City_RGNL_A	73	24	46	-2	0.35	1	41.85	5.67	31.12	5.42

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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